



Patient Care Career Pathway

The Great Northwest

2021-2022



EXPLORE: Click on the links to find the job titles that seem most interesting to you to learn more! Save any jobs you are interested in from this career pathway in your XELLO account so that you can create an Academic and Career Plan (ACP) later on. Salary range reflects from no experience through 30+ years experience based on 40 hours a week..

Educational Level May also require work experience	Therapeutic Services			Diagnostic Services
	Direct Care	Nursing <small>*crosses Direct Care & Behavioral Health</small>	Behavioral Health	
High School Diploma, Certification	Activities Assistant	Dietary Aide Patient Advocate Range \$17,100-\$43,710	Home Health Aide ★ Personal Care Aide ★ \$10/hour-\$17/hour	Medical Secretary ○
Certification or Technical Diploma	Nursing Assistant ★ ○ (strongly recommended for all Therapeutic Service careers) Range \$29,500-\$39,230 \$13/hour- \$18/hour			EKG Technician Ophthalmic Lab Technician ○ Phlebotomist ★ ○ Sterile Processing Technician Range \$25,680-\$41,010
Registered Apprenticeship	Dental Assistant ○ Emergency Medical Technician Medical Assistant ★ ○ Pharmacy Technician ★ ○ Range \$19,320-\$51,390	Licensed Practical Nurse ○ Range \$32,660-\$50,950	Psychiatric Aide ★ ○ Community Health Worker ★ Peer Support Specialist Range \$28,380-\$67,340	
Associate Degree	Medical Assistant ★ ○ Range \$26,220-\$47,110			
	Occupational Therapy Assistant ○ Paramedic ★ ○ Physical Therapy Assistant ○ Respiratory Therapist ★ ○ Surgical Technologist ★ ○ Range \$43,330-\$76,050	Registered Nurse (ADN) ★ ○ Range \$55,870-\$93,990	Community and Social Service Specialist Range \$17,330-\$40,410	Cardiovascular Technician ○ Diagnostic Medical Sonographer ★ ○ Medical Laboratory Technician ★ Radiologic Technologist ★ Range \$29,510-\$97,290
Bachelor Degree and beyond	Doctor ★ ○ Occupational Therapist ○ Pharmacist ○ Physical Therapist ○ Speech Language Pathologist ○ Range \$41,990-\$194,400	Clinical Nurse Specialist ★ Nurse Anesthetist ★ ○ Nurse Practitioner ★ ○ Professor or Nurse Educator ★ Registered Nurse (BSN) ★ ○ Range \$46,870-\$202,680	Therapeutic Recreational Specialist ★ Counselor ★ Psychologist ★ ○ Psychiatrist ★ ○ Social Worker ★ ○ Range \$27,180-\$125,990	Clinical Laboratory Scientist ★ Nuclear Medicine Technologist ○ Radiologist ○ Range \$41,260-\$85,510
Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options	Click HERE for Postsecondary Options

★ **BRIGHT OUTLOOK** = these jobs are expected to grow in the future – which means more opportunities for you!
○ **XELLO** = you can learn more and save this job in your Xello account (note: some job titles might look a little different in Xello)



Patient Care Career Pathway In High School



A career pathway in high school must include:

- A sequence of courses (including at least 2 CTE courses)
- Two of the following components: Career and Technical Student Organization, Work-based Learning, Industry Recognized Credential, College Credit Opportunity

Career and Technical Education Courses	Must include a sequence of at least TWO Career and Technical Education courses. Should align with Education Building Blocks for the pathway: <ul style="list-style-type: none">••				CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAMS Statewide: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wisconsin AHEC Regional: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• STEAM Career Day• Tech School Career Fairs
Relevant Academic Courses	Should align with Education Building Blocks for this pathway: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•				
Career and Technical Student Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wisconsin HOSA-Future Health Professionals• FCCLA				
Work-Based Learning Program Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employability Skills (90 hrs)• Youth Apprenticeship- Health Science (450 hrs/year; 1-2 years)• Local Work-based Learning Programs that meet state quality requirements				
	Direct Care	Nursing	Behavioral Health	Diagnostic Services	
Industry Recognized Credential Options Learn the skills that employers want to see! <i>Italics = must be 18 years old to obtain</i> *This certification is eligible for reimbursement through the technical incentive grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Life Support (AHA) or Professional Rescuer (ARC) CPR/AED and First Aid• Certified Nursing Assistant* (DHS)				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medication Aide/Assistant* (DHS)• Feeding Assistant* (DHS)• Emergency Medical Responder* (NREMT)• Medical Assistant* (AAMA, AMT, NHA)• Pharmacy Technician* (PTCB)• Emergency Medical Technician* (NREMT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medication Aide/Assistant* (DHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phlebotomy* (AMT, NHA)• Phlebotomy Technician* (ASCP)• IV Technician* (ASCP)• EKG Technician* (NHA)		
College Credit Opportunities	You can find the list of college credit opportunities included in the postsecondary options for this pathway HERE .				